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Douglas U. Mennie ) PRIOR APPLICATION  
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Dear Sir:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/837,500, filed April 18, 2001. Prior to examining the subject application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1, line 2 -- Page 2, line 5 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/837,500, filed April 18, 2001; which is a complete application claiming the benefit of U.S. Application No. 08/834,746, filed April 4, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,220,419; which is a continuation-in-part of [pending] United States patent application Serial No. 08/450,505 filed May 26, 1995, for "Method And Apparatus For Discriminating and Counting Documents", now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,687,963; [pending] United States patent application Serial No. 08/340,031 filed November 14, 1994, for "Method And Apparatus For Discriminating and Counting Documents",